

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAT  
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**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Pat Gagliardi, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 107th Representative District, which is comprised of four counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1982, Pat Gagliardi has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned an excellent public servant out of office.

The only downside of Pat's political career was his misfortune in being stuck with the nickname "Gags." He was respected by his fellow legislators, Democrats and Republicans alike. He kept in touch with his constituents and he served them well. He was of great assistance to me when I was elected to the Michigan House in 1988, and he has been of great assistance to me in our respective offices in Lansing and Washington.

In his role as Majority Floor Leader, Pat helped set the legislative agenda for Michigan in the House, and as a northern Michigan representative he fought tirelessly to make sure that his district received its fair share of funding.

Throughout our careers, I have never failed to remind Pat that his hair was getting thinner, just as he has never failed to remind me that mine was getting grayer. I will always remember this banter as a symbol of our friendly cooperation, as we worked together on issues of national importance.

Much of our legislative cooperation focused on issues relating to the Great Lakes. Just as my district touches three of the five Great Lakes—Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior—so too did Pat's district touch the same three bodies of water.

This meant that issues vital to United States commerce, such as the Soo Locks, and issues of national heritage, such as Great Lakes shipwrecks, were likely to bring Pat and I, representing northern Michigan in the Michigan House and the U.S. House, into lockstep.

This cooperation bore fruit. For example, in 1995, when a Michigan diver and entrepreneur announced he would market videos of the most famous shipwreck, the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and when we learned that those tapes would contain footage of the bodies of seamen who died in that tragedy, Pat joined me in expressing outrage on behalf of the families still trying to reconcile themselves to the loss of their loved ones.

When my legislation banning this kind of videotaping stalled in Washington, it was Pat

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Gagliardi who won approval for such legislation in the Michigan legislature.

He is and has been a friend, a mentor, a fellow legislator and a Democratic Party leader. He has my deep respect and friendship.

The people of Michigan were well-served by "Gags." They will miss him. I will miss him.

HONORING DEBORAH JEAN  
TRUDEAU

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated herself to her craft and to educating others. On November 19, 1998, Mrs. Deborah Jean Trudeau was honored as family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate her receiving the American Culinary Federation National Chef Professionalism Award.

Deborah Jean Trudeau received baccalaureate and post baccalaureate degrees from Ferris State University, as well as a degree in Applied Science from Macomb Community College. Over the years, she honed her skills as a baker, lab technician, and restaurant manager, among others. In 1989, Deborah was appointed Lead Instructor and Coordinator of the culinary arts program at the northwest campus of the Oakland Technical Center, located in Clarkston, Michigan.

A self-described "jack of all culinary trades," Deborah has also excelled as an educator. She has worked with a variety of students, ranging from high school seniors to senior citizens, assisting them in food preparation, bakery, and front-of-house training. She has made great strides in enhancing her students' education through the use of guest speakers, demonstrations, and student competitions, of which her students are regularly found among the list of winners.

A member of the American Culinary Federation's Flint/Saginaw Chapter and its Central Region, Deborah has previously been recognized as her chapter's Chef of the Year. Her recent award is very special because she is the first from the region to receive the Chef Professionalism Award, and the first woman ever to receive the award.

As a national award recipient, Deborah has received an honorarium, which she used to create scholarships at Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges, institutions she credits with providing invaluable support.

Mr. Speaker, Deborah Jean Trudeau's colleagues and students have placed her in very high regard, describing her as an exemplary educator, instructor, and counselor. Due to her teachings, many establishments throughout my district have staffs of exceptional quality. As a former teacher, I am very appreciative of her commitment to her students and to the community. I ask my colleagues in the 106th

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Congress to join me in acknowledging the accomplishments of Deborah Jean Trudeau.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GERRY HOUSE,  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, NA-  
TIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Superintendent of Memphis City Schools, Dr. N. Gerry House.

On February 19, 1999, Dr. House was named the National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. House's commitment to education placed her at the top of a distinguished list of national superintendent finalists, a list which also included nominees from Brazil and Germany. I might add that Dr. House is the first African-American woman to receive this prestigious award.

Dr. House's success may be attributed to many factors: hard work, perseverance and leadership skills. But perhaps most instrumental to her success is Dr. House's dedication to education reform. As Daniel Domenech, the President of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) stated: "America needs leaders who will guide our schools into the next millennium—strong visionaries who will help shape the future of generations to come." Dr. House has that vision.

Under the leadership of Dr. House, Memphis has received a substantial grant from the National Science Foundation; a \$3.6 million grant for after-school learning centers in eight schools; and was selected as one of 11 districts to implement the new American Schools redesign models. A recent study of the first 25 schools to undergo school wide reform found that the reform schools boasted a 7.5% greater achievement gain on state standardized tests than students nationwide, and 14.5% more than comparable Memphis City Schools. These outstanding results serve as a testimony to Dr. House's vision and commitment to education.

Dr. House serves on various national and state educational improvement boards, including the executive board of the Council of the Great City Schools, the Board of Directors of NEA's National Foundation for the Improvement of Education, and the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Education and Human Resources.

America needs more leaders like Dr. House, men and women committed to academic excellence. Please join me in honoring Dr. House and all of the other educational leaders in the country for their commitment to improving education for all Americans.

24TH ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIDE  
FESTIVAL, JUNE 5-13, 1999

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 24th Annual Capital Pride Festival, a celebration of and for the National Capital Area's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities and their friends.

Since its inception in 1975, the Capital Pride Festival has grown from a small block party into a 9-day series of events which culminate in a downtown parade and Pennsylvania Avenue street fair on Sunday, June 13th. Last year over 3,000 people marched in the parade and participated as exhibitors, entertainers, or volunteers at the street fair. More than 175,000 people attended this annual celebration.

It has been 35 years since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and gays and lesbians are still not covered by its protections. We must fight to make sure that not another 35 years or 10 years or even 1 year more passes without this Nation recognizing sexual orientation as a protected class in the United States. Congress must pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), and I will do my best to make sure that it is passed in this Congress.

This year, the Capital Pride Festival organizers and sponsors, the Whitman-Walker Clinic and One-in-Ten, have selected "Unite, Celebrate, Remember" for the Festival's theme. Let's take that theme to heart and unite to achieve our goal of eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation, celebrate our accomplishments, and remember those, like Matthew Shepherd, who we have lost because hatred and discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered Americans still exist.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in saluting the 24th Annual Capital Pride Festival, its organizers, and the volunteers who make it possible.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID  
ANTHONY

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Dave Anthony, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 108th Representative District, which is comprised of three counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1990, Dave Anthony has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned an excellent public servant out of office.

Dave succeeded me in the 108th District seat, and he has represented both the com-

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munity where I grew up and the community where I and my family now live. Dave and I have always enjoyed a special relationship personally and professionally.

Whether the issue was timber or roads, Dave was always ready to jump into the political and legislative arena, and he was a tireless worker for the "Yoopers," those special residents of Michigan that live in the state's Upper Peninsula, the U.P.

Dave's experience in politics and in constituent service was shaped by his work as the Upper Peninsula representative of Sen. CARL LEVIN. It should be clear from my remarks, Mr. Speaker, that Dave Anthony has spent much of his adult life in public service.

Because I made the same trip so many times, I know how many long hours Dave had to log on Michigan highways, not just holding office hours within his district but also in the drive between his home community of Escanaba and the state capital of Lansing.

This seven-hour sojourn served as an excellent metaphor for the physical isolation of the Upper Peninsula from the state house, and it made clear the special burden of U.P. legislators in speaking on behalf of a region that many House colleagues knew only in news stories and travel brochures.

Dave, usually accompanied by his children—son Robbie and daughter Courtney—always "light up" political or legislative events. This summer Susie will be added to the Anthony family and will contribute mightily to the fine reputation of public service the Anthony family has given to us "Yoopers."

I will miss working with Dave, and the residents of northern Michigan will miss him. Dave will have a little extra time now for his favorite pastime—fly fishing—but, with his experience and commitment, I believe the people of Michigan haven't heard the last of Dave Anthony.

HONORING CHARLES MELTON

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to a loyal friend and a tireless advocate of America's workers, who was taken from this Earth too soon. On Thursday, February 25, members and friends of Local 653 of the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America have decided to go forth with their plans to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Charles J. Melton of Pontiac, Michigan, who died January 31.

It has been said that "death ends a life, not a relationship," and this is certainly the case with those who have ever come into contact with Charlie Melton and have benefitted from his influence. A lifelong Pontiac resident, Army veteran, and a committed labor activist, Charlie's association with the UAW began in 1952. Within two years, he became a committeeman, and spent the following 30 years serving his fellow colleagues as union representative, benefit representative, vice president, and ultimately president of Local 653. Early on, Char-

lie had a fervent desire to help people in any way possible and do whatever he could to ensure that a strong, equitable, and positive environment existed in the workplace and throughout the community.

Upon his retirement from General Motors in 1983, after 31 years, Charlie continued to work on behalf of his peers through the Local's Retiree chapter, where he served as chairman for many years. He also served as recording secretary for the UAW Region 1 Retirees Council. He was always found within the halls of the union planning everything from meetings to fishing trips.

Charlie's ability to make a difference was a trait shared by his wonderful wife, Bonnie, and they both instilled these values in their son, Tim. One of Charlie's greatest joys was to recently see his son elected as the youngest member ever of Oakland County's Board of Commissioners. The strides that Tim will make as he begins his career as a public servant will serve to continue the legacy of his father.

Mr. Speaker, Charles J. Melton was not just a constituent, but a very good friend. It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today, however it is also with great pride that I do so. It is people like Charlie, who make it their life's work to improve the quality and dignity of life for us all that continue to inspire us to greater efforts. I, along with Charlie's family, and his UAW extended family will truly miss him a great deal. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a great man.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 1

8:30 a.m.

YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

To hold hearings on certain Year 2000 issues.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Year 2000 computer problems.